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MDOC Begins Sending State Inmates to New Regional Facility

Jackson—The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) has begun the process of transporting state inmates to the newly opened George County Regional Correctional Facility in Lucedale, Miss. The facility opened on Friday, May 10 and the MDOC has already moved 15 camp support and 40 additional medium security inmates to the new regional facility.

“The opening of the George County Regional Correctional Facility brings the total number of county regional facilities in Mississippi to eleven,” said MDOC Commissioner Robert L. Johnson. “By contract we must provide this new facility a total daily inmate population of 200 inmates which is the same daily contractual population as the other ten regional facilities.”

To facilitate the placement of state inmates to the George County Regional Correctional Facility, the MDOC has begun transferring medium custody male inmates from the other ten regional facilities. In addition, medium custody male inmates are being transferred from the Delta Correctional and Marshall County Correctional private prisons.

The Bolivar County Regional Correctional Facility currently has no inmates. The county is in the process of rebuilding the facility following tornado damage in November 2001. Once the facility is reopened, the state inmates temporarily housed in nearby county correctional facilities will be sent back to the Bolivar County Regional Correctional Facility.

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